

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete set of the claims is included below, reflecting added subject matter (underlining) and deleted subject matter (~~strikethrough~~), as well as the current status of each claim. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-96. (Canceled)

97. (Currently Amended) A ~~transaction~~ communication and control system for selectively enabling ~~video~~ face-to-face video communications for conferences through a communication system between members of plural groups, as buyer groups, each including at least one buyer, and as vendor groups, each including at least one vendor, wherein the vendors offer different products or services via the ~~transaction~~ communication and control system, or between at least one requesting party and at least one responding party for accomplishing video communication ~~electronic commerce transactions~~ between the at least one buyer and the at least one vendor or the at least one requesting or responding parties, comprising:

a control system for implementing a schedule of appointments for face-to-face video communications between the at least one buyer and vendor or the at least one requesting and responding parties, and for transmitting an email to at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting or responding parties;

interface system for accomplishing video communications between the buyers and vendors or responding and requesting parties via multiple video codec capabilities, the video communications established based upon a schedule arranged via the control system;

multiple video display systems, at least one video display system for at least each of said one buyer or vendor or each of the requesting or responding parties, for viewing of select still image video data relating to presented by said one select buyer or vendor or the requesting or responding parties, the video display system system including communicating video displays to video display terminals for use by said one buyer or vendor or each of the requesting or responding parties, the video display terminals

including an input, at least one of said video display systems being capable of operating to provide the select still image video data at the video display terminal ~~for of~~ said one buyer ~~or said vendor or each of the requesting or responding parties, at least one of said buyer or vendor or requesting or responding party having a capability to manipulate the still image video data via their video display terminals.~~

a dynamic, full motion video system for providing real-time video ~~relating to at least certain vendors to certain~~ of said buyers ~~or vendors between them or of said requesting or responding parties between them,~~ said full motion video system including at least one camera to provide an image of at least a representative of said vendor at the providing the real-time video at the video display terminal for said one each of said buyer and vendor or each of said requesting and responding parties, the real-time video including audio;

an interconnect system adapted to selectively electronically couple the video display terminals for said at least one buyer or vendor or the requesting or responding parties ~~buyers through the communication system~~ on the basis of processing stored information including the schedule and buyer input, and to permit the exchange of commercial transaction data of a the provision of the real-time video select between the buyer and vendor or the requesting and responding parties between said buyer and vendor including an electronic mail message relating to the commercial transaction data, and

a video selection processor adapted to selectively couple at least one buyer said buyers or vendor or one of the requesting and responding parties via the transaction communication system to enable ~~the buyers to view select video of said vendors, provision of real-time video in a compatible mode via the multiple video codec capabilities to effect video communication between the buyers and vendors or the requesting and responding parties,~~ said video selection processor being coupled to the interconnect system.

98. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~

~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 wherein the video selection processor is coupled to a video codec of said buyer, or said requesting or said responding party.

99. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~ ~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 wherein the form of communication is analog.

100. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~ ~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 wherein the form of communication is digital.

101. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~ ~~plural groups~~ of claim 100 wherein the digital communication includes digital video.

102. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~ ~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 further including an input system for actuation by buyers and or vendors or requesting or responding parties for interaction with said system, at least certain of said buyers or requesting or responding parties adapted for utilizing an on-line service as a portion of said system.

103. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~ ~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 further including a storage memory for storing data on said members of said plural groups, including identification data relating to both buyer groups and vendor groups, and commercial transaction data relating to at least certain members.

104. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ ~~communication system for selectively enabling video communications between members of~~

~~plural groups~~ of claim 97 further including a control system to selectively interconnect said members of said plural groups, including at least certain of said buyers and sellers, or to selectively interconnect at least certain said requesting and responding parties, the control system selectively providing transmission of dynamic, full motion video.

105. (Currently Amended) The ~~communication and control commercial transaction~~ system of claim 97 ~~further including wherein the audio is provided by an audio system for provision of audio to one or more of said possibly interested buyers, or to one or more of said requesting or responding parties~~, in combination with a high resolution still image.

106. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 105 wherein the audio system provides voice.

107. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 106 wherein the audio system provides real-time voice communication.

108. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the dynamic video system includes a camera capability associated with at least one with said vendor or said requesting or said responding party.

109. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 108 wherein the camera capability is adapted to image said vendor or said requesting or said responding party.

110. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the dynamic video system includes a video storage system.

111. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the system further includes a printer.

112. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the dynamic video system includes a freeze frame capability.

113. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the dynamic video system includes a high resolution video capability.

114. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the dynamic video system includes real-time video.

115. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 114 wherein the dynamic video system includes two-way video.

116. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 115 wherein the two-way ~~real-time~~ video is live person-to-person video communication.

117. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 further comprising:
a text system for provision of text data including commercial transaction data.

118. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 117 97 wherein the commercial transaction data includes product identification data.

119. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 117 97 wherein the commercial transaction data includes order data.

120. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 117 97 wherein the commercial transaction data includes purchase order data.

121. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 117 97 wherein ~~the~~ text data includes alphanumeric data.

122. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 103 97 wherein the identification data is obtained for at least certain of said members ~~from via said an~~ on-line ~~computer~~ service.

123. (Canceled)

124. (Canceled)

125. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the plural groups includes at least one potential buyer and a plurality of vendors.

126. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the plural groups includes at least one vendor and a plurality of potential buyers.

127. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 wherein the plural groups includes a plurality of potential buyers and a plurality of vendors.

128. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 97 further including an image storage system for storing images for provision to said buyer or buyers or to said requesting or responding party or parties.

129. (Currently Amended) The ~~commercial transaction~~ communication and control system of claim 128 wherein the image storage includes still images.

130. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ system of claim 97 further including an inventory control system.

131. (Currently Amended) The communication and control ~~commercial transaction~~ system of claim 130 further including a notification prevention system when said inventory control system indicates that ~~a~~ the product or service is unavailable.

Please add the following new claims:

132. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the electronic coupling is based at least in part upon input by one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party.

133. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the face-to-face video communications for conferences is initiated as a result of a communication from one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party.

134. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 133, wherein the communication is via e-mail.

135. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, having a capability by which video images are manipulated from any of the multiple video display systems to allow the images to be viewed concurrently by a buyer and a vendor or a requesting party and a responding party.

136. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 135, wherein data is shared by one of either the buyer or vendor or one of either the requesting party or responding party with the other.

137. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments made by at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party or responding party.

138. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments verified for at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party or responding party.

139. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the communication and control system comprises a clock to control the face-to-face video communications.

140. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 139, wherein the communication and control system controls the face-to-face video communications to at least certain specified times.

141. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the communication and control system maintains data for the face-to-face video communications, including at least three of 1) a name for any one of buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party, 2) a duration of the face-to-face video communication, 3) date, or 4) time of the face-to-face video communication.

142. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 140, wherein the communication and control system maintains data for all the participants in the face-to-face video communication.

143. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the communication and control system maintains a record of the charges related to the face-to-face video communication.

144. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the communication and control system is one of many multiple-coordinated computer systems.

145. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the communication and control system comprises more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems.

146. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 145, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at a single site.

147. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 145, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at multiple sites.

148. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the face-to-face video communications are transmitted at least in part over a private communications network.

149. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the video display system has a control panel that is used at least in part to alter the image or display.

150. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 149, wherein via the control panel, any one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party may perform a pan or zoom operation.

151. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 149, wherein the communication and control panel selectively routes the face-to-face video communications traffic.

152. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by communicating with the communication and control system.

153. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 152, wherein at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by operating a control panel.

154. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by transmitting an email.

155. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein at least one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party can communicate with the control system via email to update information.

156. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the control system supplies graphic data to the video display terminal of the buyer and vendor or requesting and responding parties during a face-to-face communication.

157. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the control system allows interactive data sharing between the buyer or vendor or the requesting party and the responding party.

158. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 97, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and responding party can share images from remote locations.

159. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and the responding party can share images concurrently.

160. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and the responding party can share graphical data including images including any one or more of maps, graphs, or pictures.

161. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution.

162. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and the responding party can share the images concurrently.

163. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer and vendor or the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution and can be manipulated by either the buyer or the vendor or the requesting party or the responding party.

164. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the buyer or vendor or the requesting party or the responding party can highlight a still image with a cursor.

165. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 158, wherein the control system is configured to prioritize select conferences.

166. (New) A communication and control system of claim 165 wherein a communication by either of the buyer or the vendor or the requesting party or the responding party to the other is via an autodialer.

167. (New) A communication and control system for selectively enabling interactive data sharing including video data through a communication system between at least one requesting party and at least one responding party comprising:

- a control system for implementing interface appointments according to a schedule between the requesting and responding parties and the control system for transmitting an email to either schedule or update or verify an appointment to the requesting and responding parties before an interactive data sharing including video occurs;

- interface system for accomplishing video communications between the responding and requesting parties via multiple video codec capabilities, the video communications established based upon the schedule arranged via the control system;

- multiple video display systems, at least one video display system for at least each of the requesting or responding parties for viewing of select still image video data presented by the requesting or responding parties, the video display system communicating video displays to video display terminals for use by each of the requesting or responding parties, the video display terminals including an input, at least one of said video display systems being capable of operating to provide the select still image video data at the video display terminal of each of the requesting or responding parties, and each of the requesting or responding party having a capability to manipulate the still image video data via their video display terminals and to view the still image video data concurrently; and

- a video processor coupled to the interface system and adapted to selectively couple at least one of the requesting and responding parties to enable video communication via the multiple codec capabilities to effect video communication between the requesting and responding parties.

168. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the video selection processor is coupled to a video codec of one or more of said requesting or responding parties.

169. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the form of communication is analog.

170. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the form of communication is digital.

171. (New) The communication and control system of claim 170 wherein the digital communication includes digital video.

172. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including an input system for actuation by requesting or responding parties for interaction with said system, at least certain of said requesting or responding parties adapted for utilizing an on-line service as a portion of said system.

173. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including a storage memory for storing data on said at least one requesting party and said at least one responding party, including identification data relating to both said at least one requesting party and said at least one responding party and commercial transaction data relating to at least one of said at least one requesting party and said at least one responding party.

174. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including a control system to selectively interconnect the at least one requesting party and the at least one responding party, wherein the at least one requesting party and the at least one responding party include buyers and sellers, said control system selectively providing transmission of dynamic, full motion video.

175. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including an audio system for provision of audio to the at least one requesting party or the at least one responding party in combination with a high resolution still image.

176. (New) The communication and control system of claim 175 wherein the audio system provides voice.

177. (New) The communication and control system of claim 176 wherein the audio system provides real-time voice communication.

178. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the multiple video display systems includes a camera capability associated at least with the responding party.

179. (New) The communication and control system of claim 178 wherein the camera capability is adapted to image the responding party.

180. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the multiple video display systems includes a video storage system.

181. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the multiple video display systems are coupled to a printer.

182. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the multiple video display systems include a dynamic video system that includes a freeze frame capability.

183. (New) The communication and control system of claim 182 wherein the dynamic video system includes a high resolution video capability.

184. (New) The communication and control system of claim 182 wherein the dynamic video system includes real-time video.

185. (New) The communication and control system of claim 184 wherein the dynamic video system includes two-way video.

186. (New) The communication and control system of claim 185 wherein the real-time video is live person-to-person video communication.

187. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further comprising: a text system for provision of text data including commercial transaction data.

188. (New) The communication and control system of claim 187 wherein the commercial transaction data includes product identification data.

189. (New) The communication and control system of claim 187 wherein the commercial transaction data includes order data.

190. (New) The communication and control system of claim 187 wherein the commercial transaction data includes purchase order data.

191. (New) The communication and control system of claim 187 wherein the text data includes alphanumeric data.

192. (New) The communication and control system of claim 187 wherein the identification data is obtained for at least certain of said requesting or responding parties from an on-line service.

193. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the at least one requesting party and the at least one responding party includes at least one potential buyer and a plurality of vendors.

194. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the at least one requesting party and the at least one responding party belong to plural groups that include at least one vendor and a plurality of potential buyers.

195. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 wherein the at least one requesting party and the at least one responding party belong to plural groups that include a plurality of potential buyers and a plurality of vendors.

196. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including an image storage system for storing images for provision to said buyer.

197. (New) The communication and control system of claim 196 wherein the image storage includes still images.

198. (New) The communication and control system of claim 167 further including an inventory control system for products or services.

199 (New) The communication and control system of claim 198 further including a notification prevention system when said inventory control system indicates that a product or service is unavailable.

200. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the selective coupling is based at least in part upon input initiated by one of the requesting party or responding party.

201. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein a face-to-face video communications for conferences is initiated as a result of a communication from one of the requesting party or the responding party.

202. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, having a capability by which video images that are shared by the requesting party and the responding party are manipulated from any of the multiple video display systems to allow the images to be viewed concurrently by the requesting party and the responding party.

203. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments made by at least one of the requesting party or the responding party.

204. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments verified for at least one of the requesting party and the responding party.

205. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the control system comprises a clock to control face-to-face video communications.

206. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 205, wherein the control system controls the face-to-face video communications to at least certain specified times.

207. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the control system maintains data for the face-to-face video communications including at least three of 1) a name for any one of the requesting party, or responding party, 2) a duration of the face-to-face video communication, 3) date, or 4) time of the face-to-face video communication.

208. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 207, wherein the control system maintains data for all the participants in a face-to-face video communication.

209. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the control system maintains a record of the charges related to a face-to-face video communication.

210. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the communication and control system is one of many multiple-coordinated computer systems.

211. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, further comprising more than one multiple-coordinated computer system.

212. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 211, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at a single site.

213. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 211, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at multiple sites.

214. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein a face-to-face video communication is transmitted at least in part over a private communications network.

215. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the video display terminal has a control panel that is used at least in part to alter an image or display.

216. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 215, wherein via the control panel, any one of the requesting party, or responding party may perform a pan or zoom operation.

217. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 215, wherein the control panel enables selectively routing the face-to-face video communications traffic.

218. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein at least one of the requesting party, or responding party can initiate a face-to-face communication by communicating with the communication and control system.

219. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 218, wherein at least one of the requesting party, or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by pressing a touchtone button.

220. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein at least one of the requesting party, or responding party can initiate a face-to-face communication by transmitting an email.

221. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein at least one of the requesting party, or responding party can communicate with the control system via email to update information.

222. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the control system supplies graphic data to a video display system during a face-to-face communication.

223. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 167, wherein the control system allows interactive data sharing between the requesting party and the responding party.

224. (New) A communication system as defined in claim 167, wherein the requesting party and responding party can share images from remote locations.

225. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images concurrently.

226. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images including any one or more of maps, graphs, or pictures.

227. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution.

228. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution images.

229. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution and can be manipulated by either the requesting party or the responding party.

230. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the requesting party or the responding party or both have a capability to highlight still images with a cursor.

231. (New) A communication and control system as defined in claim 224, wherein the control system is configured to prioritize select conferences.

232. (New) A method for selectively enabling interactive data sharing including video data through a communication system between at least one requesting party and at least one responding party comprising the process:

- implementing a schedule for interface appointments between a requesting party and a responding party and transmitting an email relating to the interface appointments to either or both of the requesting and responding parties before interactive data sharing including video occurs;

- facilitating video communications between the responding and requesting parties via multiple video codec capabilities, the video communications established based upon the schedule arranged;

- providing multiple video display systems, at least one video display system for at least each of the requesting or responding parties;

sharing still image video data presented by the requesting or responding parties for viewing by either party, and communicating video displays to video display terminals for use by each of the requesting or responding parties, the video display terminals including an input, at least one of said video display systems being capable of operating to provide the still image video data at the video display terminal of each of the requesting or responding parties, and at least one of the requesting or responding party having a capability to manipulate the still image video data via their corresponding video display terminal and to view the still image video data concurrently; and

selectively coupling at least one of the requesting and responding parties to enable video communication via multiple video codec capabilities to effect video communication between the requesting and responding parties.

233. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including the step of enabling text communication between at least one of the requesting and responding parties.

234. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the schedule is implemented via email.

235. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the video selection processor is coupled to a video codec of one or more requesting or responding parties.

236. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the form of communication is analog.

237. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the form of communication is digital.

238. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the video communications include digital video.

239 (New) The method according to claim 238, wherein the digital video is dynamic full motion video.

240. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including a step of utilizing an input system for actuation by a requesting or responding party for interaction with said system, at least certain of said requesting or responding parties adapted for utilizing an on-line service.

241. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including a step of providing a storage memory for storing data on one or more of said requesting or responding parties, including identification data relating to one or more of said requesting or responding parties, and commercial transaction data relating to at least certain requesting or responding parties.

242. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including utilizing a control system to selectively interconnect one or more of said requesting or responding parties, including at least certain of said requesting or responding parties, said control system selectively providing transmission of dynamic, full motion video.

243. (New) The method according to claim 232 further including a step of providing an audio system for provision of audio to one or more of said requesting or responding parties in combination with a high resolution still image.

244. (New) The method according to claim 243, wherein the audio system provides voice.

245. (New) The method according to claim 244, wherein the audio system provides real-time voice communication.

246. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the dynamic video system includes a camera capability associated at least with one requesting or responding party.

247. (New) The method according to claim 246, wherein the camera capability is adapted to image the requesting party.

248. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the dynamic video system includes a video storage system.

249. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the system further includes a printer.

250. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the dynamic video system includes a freeze frame capability.

251. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the dynamic video system includes a high resolution video capability.

252. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the dynamic video system includes real-time video.

253. (New) The method according to claim 252, wherein the dynamic video system includes two-way video.

254. (New) The method according to claim 253 wherein, the real-time video is live person-to-person video communication.

255. (New) The method according to claim 232, further comprising a step of: providing a text system for provision of text data including commercial transaction data.

256. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the commercial transaction data includes product identification data.

257. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the commercial transaction data includes order data.

258. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the commercial transaction data includes purchase order data.

259. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the text data includes alphanumeric data.

260. (New) The method according to claim 241, wherein the identification data is obtained for at least certain of said requesting or responding parties via an on-line service.

261. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the requesting and responding parties includes at least one potential buyer and a plurality of vendors.

262. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the requesting and responding parties includes at least one vendor and a plurality of potential buyers.

263. (New) The method according to claim 232, wherein the requesting and responding parties includes a plurality of potential buyers and a plurality of vendors.

264. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including a step of providing an image storage system for storing images for provision to a requesting or responding party.

265. (New) The method according to claim 264, wherein the image storage includes still images.

266. (New) The method according to claim 232, further including a step of providing an inventory control system for products or services.

267. (New) The method according to claim 266, further including a step of providing a notification prevention system when said inventory control system indicates that a product or service is unavailable.

268. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the electronic coupling is based at least in part upon input initiated via the electronic coupling by one of the requesting party or responding party.

269. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the face-to-face video communications for conferences is initiated as a result of a communication from one of the requesting party or responding party.

270. (New) A method according to claim 232, further providing a step of utilizing a capability by which video images are manipulated from any of the multiple video display systems to allow the images to be viewed concurrently by a requesting party and a responding party.

271. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments made by a requesting party or responding party.

272. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the email transmitted relates to appointments verified for a requesting party or responding party.

273. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method utilizes a clock to control the face-to-face video communications.

274. (New) A method according to claim 273, wherein the method controls the face-to-face video communications to at least certain specified times.

275. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method maintains data for the face-to-face video communications, including at least three of 1) a name for any one of requesting party or responding party, 2) a duration of the face-to-face video communication, 3) date, or 4) time of the face-to-face video communication.

276. (New) A method according to claim 275, wherein the method maintains data for all the participants in the face-to-face video communication.

277. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method maintains a record of the charges related to the face-to-face video communication.

278. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method utilizes one or more multiple-coordinated computer systems.

279. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method is implemented by one or more multiple-coordinated computer systems.

280. (New) A method according to claim 279, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at a single site.

281. (New) A method according to claim 279, wherein the more than one multiple-coordinated computer systems are located at multiple sites.

282. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the face-to-face video communications are transmitted at least in part over a private communications network.

283. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the video display device has a control panel that is used at least in part to alter the image or display.

284. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein via the control panel, any one of the buyer, vendor, requesting party, or responding party may perform a pan or zoom operation.

285. (New) A method according to 232, wherein the method selectively routes the face-to-face video communications traffic.

286. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein at least one requesting party or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by communicating with the communication and control system.

287. (New) A method according to claim 286, wherein at least one requesting party or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by pressing a touchtone button.

288. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein at least one requesting party or responding party can initiate the face-to-face communication by transmitting an email.

289. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein at least one requesting party or responding party can communicate with the control system via email to update information.

290. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method supplies graphic data to the video display during a face-to-face communication.

291. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the method allows interactive data sharing between the requesting party and the responding party.

292. (New) A method according to claim 232, wherein the requesting party and responding party can share images from remote locations.

293. (New) A method according to claim 292, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images concurrently.

294. (New) A method according to claim 292, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images including any one or more of maps, graphs, or pictures.

295. (New) A method according to claim 292, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution.

296. (New) A method according to claim 292, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can concurrently share images that are high resolution images.

297. (New) A method according to claim 285, wherein the requesting party and the responding party can share images that are high resolution and can be manipulated by either the requesting party or the responding party.

298. (New) A method according to claim 292, wherein the requesting party or the responding party can highlight still images with a cursor.

299. A method according to claim 292, wherein the method prioritizes select conferences.

300. (New) A system for accomplishing face-to-face communications between two electronic devices located at two different remote locations, wherein the face-to-face communications between the two electronic devices are established via digital links facilitating high fidelity video displays, comprising:

a camera at each electronic device located at the two different remote locations for capturing one or more images at each electronic device;

a transmission capability at each electronic device for continuously transmitting the one or more images from each of the two electronic devices to the other of the two electronic devices;

an interface at each electronic device, wherein a user initiates a face-to-face communication from one of the electronic devices to the other, by initiating an email;

a display device at each electronic device, wherein the one or more images are continuously displayed to the user at each electronic device; and

an audio capability to accompany the one or more images for communicating audio between the two electronic devices to accompany the one or more images that are continuously captured and displayed at either of the two electronic devices.

301. (New) A system according to claim 300, wherein a user at either one of the electronic devices has a capability to schedule an appointment for a face-to-face communication via e-mail.

302. (New) A system according to claim 300, further comprising a central system configured to communicate with the electronic devices via e-mail.

303. (New) A system according to claim 302, wherein a user registers with the central system by providing a password and an email address.

304. (New) A system according to claim 300, wherein the face-to-face communication includes sharing of other images between the electronic devices.

305. (New) A system according to claim 304, wherein the electronic devices have the capability to view at least one of the other images concurrently.

306. (New) A system according to claim 305, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to manipulate the at least one image.

307. (New) A system according to claim 306, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to zoom in on the at least one image.

308. (New) A system according to claim 306, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to tilt the at least one image.

309. (New) A system according to claim 300, wherein each of the electronic devices has multiple video codec capabilities, via which the one or more images are continuously transmitted.

310. (New) A system according to claim 300, wherein the parties communicate with each other via email.

311. (New) A system according to claim 300, wherein the face-to-face communications are established via an online service.

312. (New) A method for accomplishing face-to-face communications between two electronic devices located at two different remote locations, by establishing the face-to-face communications between the two electronic devices via digital links facilitating high fidelity video displays, comprising the steps of:

- providing a camera at each electronic device located at the two different remote locations;

- capturing one or more images at each electronic device;

- continuously transmitting the one or more images from each of the two electronic devices to the other of the two electronic devices via a transmission capability at each electronic device;

- providing an interface at each electronic device, whereby a user initiates a face-to-face communication from one of the electronic devices to the other, by initiating an email;

- transmitting the email from the one of the electronic devices to the other of the electronic devices;

- providing a display device at each electronic device, wherein the one or more images are continuously received and displayed to the user at each electronic device; and

- transmitting audio to accompany the one or more images for communicating audio between the two electronic devices via an audio capability at either of the two electronic devices, to accompany the one or more images that are continuously captured and displayed at either of the two electronic devices.

313. (New) A method according to claim 312, wherein the face-to-face communications are established via an online service.

314. (New) A method according to claim 312, wherein a user at either one of the electronic devices has a capability to schedule an appointment for a face-to-face communication via e-mail.

315. (New) A method according to claim 312, further comprising the step of: providing a central system configured to communicate with the electronic devices via e-mail.

316. (New) A method according to claim 315, wherein a user registers with the central system by providing a password and an email address.

317. (New) A method according to claim 312, further comprising the step of: sharing of other images between the electronic devices during a face-to-face communication.

318. (New) A method according to claim 317, wherein the electronic devices have the capability to view at least one of the other images concurrently.

319. (New) A method according to claim 312, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to manipulate at least one of the other images concurrently.

320. (New) A method according to claim 319, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to zoom in on the at least one of the other images.

321. (New) A method according to claim 319, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to tilt the at least one of the other images.

322. (New) A method according to claim 312, wherein each of the electronic devices has multiple video codec capabilities, via which the one or more images are continuously transmitted.

323. (New) A system for accomplishing face-to-face communications between two electronic devices located at two different remote locations, wherein the face-to-face communications between the two electronic devices are established over digital links facilitating high fidelity video displays, comprising:

a camera at each electronic device located at the two different remote locations for capturing one or more images at each electronic device;

an interactive data sharing capability via which users at the two electronic devices view certain images concurrently;

a transmission capability at each electronic device for continuous transmission of the one or more images from each of the two electronic devices to the other of the two electronic devices;

an interface at each electronic device, wherein a user initiates a face-to-face communication from one of the electronic devices to the other, by contacting the other electronic device over the digital links facilitating high fidelity video displays;

a display device at each electronic device, wherein the one or more images are continuously displayed to the user at each electronic device; and

an audio capability to accompany the one or more images for communicating audio between the two electronic devices to accompany the one or more images that are continuously captured and displayed at either of the two electronic devices.

324. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein a user at either one of the electronic devices has a capability to schedule an appointment for a face-to-face communication via e-mail.

325. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein the transmission the images is initiated by an email.

326. (New) A system according to claim 323, further comprising a capability configured to communicate with the electronic devices via e-mail.

327. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein the face-to-face communication includes sharing of other images between the electronic devices.

328. (New) A system according to claim 327, wherein the electronic devices have the capability to view at least one of the other images concurrently.

329. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to manipulate the at least one of the images.

330. (New) A system according to claim 329, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to zoom in on the at least one of the images.

331. (New) A system according to claim 329, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to tilt the at least one of the images.

332. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein a user registers with the system by providing a password and an email address.

333. (New) A system according to claim 323, wherein each of the electronic devices has multiple video codec capabilities, via which the one or more images are continuously transmitted.

334. (New) A method for accomplishing face-to-face communications between two electronic devices located at two different remote locations, by establishing the face-to-face communications between the two electronic devices via digital links facilitating high fidelity video displays, comprising the steps of:

providing a camera at each electronic device located at the two different remote locations;

capturing one or more images at each electronic device;

continuously transmitting the one or more images from each of the two electronic devices to the other of the two electronic devices via a transmission capability at each electronic device;

providing an interface at each electronic device, whereby a user initiates a face-to-face communication from one of the electronic devices to the other, via the digital links facilitating the high fidelity video;

providing a display device at each electronic device, wherein the one or more images are continuously received and displayed to the user at each electronic device;

facilitating interactive sharing of other data for concurrent viewing from each of the electronic devices; and

transmitting audio to accompany the one or more images for communicating audio between the two electronic devices via an audio capability at either of the two electronic devices, to accompany the one or more images that are continuously captured and displayed at either of the two electronic devices after the time scheduled.

335. (New) A method according to claim 334, wherein a user at either one of the electronic devices has a capability to schedule an appointment for a face-to-face communication via e-mail.

336. (New) A method according to claim 334, wherein the continuously transmitting of the images is initiated by an email.

337. (New) A method according to claim 334, further comprising the step of:
providing a central system configured to communicate with the electronic devices via e-mail.

338. (New) A method according to claim 334, wherein a user registers with the central system by providing a password and an email address.

339. (New) A method according to claim 334, wherein the face-to-face communication includes sharing of other images between the electronic devices.

340. (New) A method according to claim 339, wherein the electronic devices have the capability to view at least one of the other images concurrently.

341. (New) A method according to claim 339, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to manipulate the at least one of the other images.

342. (New) A method according to claim 339, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to zoom in on the at least one of the other images.

343. (New) A method according to claim 339, wherein the user of each of the electronic devices has a capability to tilt the at least one of the other images.

344. (New) A method according to claim 334, wherein each of the electronic devices has multiple video codec capabilities, via which the one or more images are continuously transmitted.